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AGENDA ITEM 9.1:PROGRAM STRUCTURES IN THE FIELD OF  
INFORMATION

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1. FOLLOWING ARE POSITIONS FOR USDEL RE SUBJECT AGENDA  
ITEM.
2. U. S. BELIEVES EACH UNESCO SECTOR SHOULD BE ALLOWED  
TO UTILIZE INFO. TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOP INFO. SERVICES  
THAT SUPPORT THEIR MISSION RELATED GOALS.
3. U. S. BELIEVES UNESCO SHOULD RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO  
NEEDS OF ITS MEMBER STATES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NON-  
SECTORAL INFORMATION FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES (INCLUDING  
LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES).

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4. U. S. BELIEVES UNESCO SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A STRONG ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW CAPABLE OF INSURING THE INTEGRITY OF UNESCO'S POLICY GUIDANCE TO ITS MEMBER STATES, THE DETECTION OF UNNECESSARY PROGRAM DUPLICATION, AND THE ARBITRATION OF PROGRAM CONFLICTS.

5. RE SUB-OBJECTIVE 10.11:PROMOTING FORMULATION OF POLICIES AND PLANS. USDEL MAY STATE THAT JOINING PROGRAM-ING RESPONSIBILITY APPEARS SATISFACTORY BUT WILL REQUIRE ASUPPLEMENTAL MECHANISM TO ASSIST THE DDG TO TAKE ON THIS ADDITIONAL COORDINATING AND SUPERVISORY ROLE. A COORDINATOR REPORTING TO THE DDG WOULD BE NECESSARY.

6. SUB-OBJECTIVE 10.12 :PROMOTING ESTABLISHMENT AND APPLICATION OF METHODS AND NORMS. USDEL MAY STATE IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE UNESCO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE IN THE AREA OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC STANDARDS, AND UNISIST WITH ITS SUCCESS IN IMPLEMENTING ITS FIRST OBJECTIVE (TOOLS OF SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION) IS A SOUND CHOICE.

7. SUB-OBJECTIVE 10.13: CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURES. USDEL MAY SEEK AMENDMENT TO FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 12 (B) SO THAT IT WOULD READ "(B) THE SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL AND NATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES LAUNCHED, OR BEING SET UP BY UNESCO WILL FOLLOW THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK WORKED OUT BY UNISIST..."

8. SUB-OBJECTIVE 10.14: PROMOTING THEORETICAL TRAINING FOR INFORMATION PERSONNEL AND INFORMATION USERS. USDEL MAY STATE THAT A JOINT UNESCO/NATIS SUB-PROGRAM WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE OTHER SECTORS IS MANDATORY. AGAIN, CLOSE COORDINATION IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OBJECTIVE AND WILL REQUIRE SUPPLEMENTING THE EXISTING MACHINERY AVAILABLE TO THE DDG.

9. REVISION OF UNESCO ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. USDEL MAY STATE THAT U. S. BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROGRAM INFORMATION STRUCTURES BY ADHERING TO PRINCIPLE OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE USER

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COMMUNITIES. THEREFORE, THE U. S. STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARIAT OF UNISIST REMAIN WITHIN THE SCIENCE SECTOR OF UNESCO AND THAT LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES SHOULD BE SIMILARLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN APPROPRIATELY HOSPITABLE AND COMPATIBLE ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENT.

10. SINGLE STEERING BODY AND ADCOM. USDEL MAY STATE ITS CONCURRENCE IN RECOMMENDATION THAT A SINGLE STEERING

BODY BE ESTABLISHED TO OVERSEE ALL UNESCO INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. USDEL MAY STATE THAT U. S. DOES NOT SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING BODIES UNISIST AND IACODLA), BUT PREFERS TO ESTABLISH SMALL TASK GROUPS

OF INVITED OUTSIDE EXPERTS FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM AREAS.

11. USDEL MAY STATE THAT THE DEVICE OF THE NATIONAL FOCUS POINT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN THE PROCESS OF RE-ORGANIZATION, AND MAY SUGGEST THAT EXISTING UNISIST FOCAL POINTS BE BROADENED TO COVER ALL OF UNESCO'S INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN HAVING TWO OR MORE FOCAL POINTS IN EACH COUNTRY.

12. PROPOSED INTERNAL COORDINATING MECHANISM :USDEL MAY STATE FOLLOWING U. S. PROPOSALS:

A. A COORDINATING OFFICE FOR ALL OF UNESCO'S INFORMATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND LOCATED IN A NEUTRAL SECTOR, PREFERABLY THE DDG'S OFFICE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, COOPEREX.

B. THE COORDINATING OFFICE SHOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COORDINATION OF ALL THE INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO.

C. THE COORDINATING OFFICE SHOULD ORGANIZE AND CHAIR AN INTERNAL COMMITTEE (TO REPLACE THE PRESENT INTER-SECTORAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE) CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTORS OF EACH INFORMATION PROGRAM AND THEIR DEPUTIES. THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD REVIEW BUDGETS AND PADS FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

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12. CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS. USDEL MAY STATE THAT THE U. S. CONCURS IN THE DG'S SUGGESTION TO COMBINE INTO A SINGLE INTEGRATED DOCUMENT THE THREE SEPARATE REPORTS HE SUBMITS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. SISCO

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